



WHEREAS, **Citizenship Day** and Constitution Day are observed each year on September 17 to commemorate the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787; and,

WHEREAS, the celebration of **Citizenship Day** and Constitution Day provides a historic opportunity for all Americans to learn about and to reflect upon the rights and privileges of citizenship and its responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, it is important that we provide educational resources/services to aspiring citizens so they can fully understand the provisions, principles, and meaning the Constitution and the freedoms derived from it; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Houston's Department of Neighborhoods' Office of International Communities has been working in collaboration with NALEO Educational Fund, Neighborhood Centers Inc and UNVISION Communications Inc. since 2006 to provide free assistance to legal permanent residents to apply for citizenship through the citizenship and immigration forums; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Houston is grateful to all those involved working diligently to assist those seeking citizenship and extends best wishes on a memorable observance of **Citizenship Day** as we continue to embrace Houston's cultural, ethnic and racial diversity.

THEREFORE, I, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim September 17, 2015, as

Citizenship Day

in Houston, Texas.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 3rd day of September, 2015.

Annise D. Parker

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Mayor of the City of Houston